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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now reply to the final Office Action mailed September 19, 2006 ("Action").

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. The three-month period for response expires on December 19, 2006. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants request the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.